Dear Les,

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"Well, we know where Yes is," I told Lil this morning as I handed her the WxPost version of Newsday's syndicated piece. He's in Johannesburg."

"In jail?" she asked, not having heard the CBS net radio news at 8 a.m., which carried a reference (but not to you).

Well, the Post carried a short version of this without wire of syndication citation.

You can evaluate the judgement of the foreign desk by comparing this with the Foise story, in content and in play.

Your piece, or the account of it, was buried in the second part of A section, that and the Rhodesia in the first section.

I am thinking more of your return and what will then keep you busy. I am wondering if you will have any time for the stories that interest me and if you do not if Newsday will and has a good person with whom to work.

There is already an important King/House committee story. They are up to evil, DJ style, Memphis cut.

I have this in hand.

The problem for any reporter is knowing the fact. Or if unwilling to believe me to take time to check available materials, available here or from Jim or both.

Believe me a large disinformation operation is well begun.

Whether pressures can turn it around I can't predict but if this happens it will not alter a mind set and clear intent.

The coinciding patterns could not more perfectly follow the design of the Warren Commission days.

For the moment I have no plans for anything public. However, I do want to look ahead to when this will seem to be appropriate, not too long after the first of the year probably.

The contrast between your story and Fpise's, the L.A.Times and Newsday, speaks much for both of you.

Best,